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Re:	Enclosed Preliminary Amendment	
	U.S. Patent Application Serial No.	10/766,921
	Our Reference:	ARI.027

Dear Examiner Nhu:

Further to our teleconference on January 20, 2006, enclosed is a Preliminary Amendment with annotated and replacement sheets which we request that you enter and which should place the above-referenced case in condition for allowance.

Thank you in advance for your kind consideration on this case.

Very truly yours,

Sean M. McGinn

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 Enclosure

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In re patent application of

Noboru MORITA, et al.

Serial No.: 10/766,921

Group Art Unit: 2818

Filing Date: January 30, 2004

Examiner: Nhu, David

For: METHOD OF FABRICATING SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE USING PLASMA-ENHANCED CVD

Honorable Commissioner of Patents  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 8 of this paper and include both an attached replacement sheet and annotated sheet showing a change.

Remarks begin on page 9 of this paper.